

SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION CONCERNING THE SUPPRESSION OF WORKS  
BY S. A. RENIER (1804 AND 1807)

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An application for a ruling that the *Prodromo* and *Prospetto della Classe dei Vermi* of S. A. Renier (1804) should not rank as publications within the meaning of Article 25 has been submitted by the present applicant (1951, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 2 : 299).

2. It was made clear that the application relating to the *Prodromo* covered the section entitled *Tavola alfabetica delle Conchiglie Adriatiche*. It is now proposed to extend the application to the same author's work said to have been entitled *Tavole per servire alla classificazione e conoscenza delle animali* and to have been published in 1807. (The title page is wanting in the only extant copy.)

3. The statements made in the previous application concerning the doubtful status of Renier's works as publications apply also to this last work. It is known only by a single printed copy in the library of the University of Padua and by two reduced photographic reproductions made for C. D. Sherborn. One reproduction is in the British Museum (Natural History), while the second has recently been acquired by the library of Stanford University, California. It is most improbable that this work was ever generally distributed. It consists of eight tables containing the outlines of schemes of classification, and in them a number of new generic and specific names are introduced.

4. The nomenclatural problems raised by the 1807 work have been discussed by Dr. A. Myra Keen (1951, *Nautilus*, 65 : 8) in so far as they affect the mollusca. Renier introduced a scheme in which the soft parts received a distinct generic name ending in "-genus," derived from that of the shell (e.g. *Teredigenus*, derived from *Teredo*). Miss Keen states that "I do not agree that these names ending in -genus are either validly proposed or valid emendations," and her final conclusion is that "Renier's contributions to molluscan taxonomy can be reduced to four generic names, only one of which, *Aglaja*, is in current use. Two, *Scolizedion* and *Cystia*, will displace familiar names unless suppressed by action of the International Commission or unless it can be shown that the type species are *species dubia*. The fourth, *Discoides*, remains for specialists in Opisthobranchiata to evaluate."

5. The generic name *Aglaja* Renier, which appeared both in his "Prospetto . . . Vermi" (1804) and his "Tavole . . . animali" (1807 ?) has latterly been used for the genus formerly known generally as *Doridium* Meckel, 1809, type genus of a family DORIDIIDAE. A reversion to this name *Doridium* would not create confusion, for it is used for the genus in such standard works as P. Fischer's "Manuel de Conchyliologie" (1880-87) and A. H. Cooke's "Molluscs" (*Cambridge Natural History*, 1895).